



Athens-Hocking-Vinton

Alcohol, Drug Addiction and Mental Health Services Board



Annual Report

FY 2021

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Dear Community Members,

It is my honor to write to you as the new director at the 317 Board. After 31 years of service at the 317 Board, Earl Cecil retired from the executive director position on September 30, 2020. Athens, Hocking and Vinton counties have been well-served by Earl's leadership. His legacy is one of stability, stewardship, and positive engagement with community partners. These are big shoes to fill, so to speak, and thanks to a highly experienced staff and the promotion of Svea Maxwell as deputy director, we are eager to continue and grow this legacy.



All of our work is done in partnership with the many agencies, coalitions and government partners who make up our Network of Care—see page 6. We are grateful for the employees, family members, and persons with lived experience who dedicate their time to help others recover and grow their resiliency. We hope you will join us in these efforts to make sure that all residents of the three counties are healthy contributing members of our communities.

Thank you for your support.

Diane Pfaff

The Athens-Hocking-Vinton Alcohol, Drug Addiction and Mental Health Services "317" Board provides a network of care for mental health and addiction services to residents of Athens, Hocking and Vinton Counties. The Board assesses service needs, contracts with local service providers and evaluates performance via achieved outcomes. The Board primarily pays for services not reimbursable by Medicaid or health insurance and/or services received by persons without health insurance coverage. The Board works with community partners to ensure that individuals and families effected by mental illness or substance use disorders have access to high-quality prevention, treatment and recovery supports.



Board Members as of June 30, 2021

Athens County

- Gregory Polzer, Chair
- Jayne Darling
- Dr. Tom Davis
- Deborah Dreifort
- Dr. Steven Evans
- Dr. James Gaskell
- Paul Grimes
- Rebecca Barber
- Dr. Joe Gay

Hocking County

- Rhea Hopstetter
- Candy Kemmerer
- Tamara Norway
- Roger Stivison
- Jacqueline Stobbs

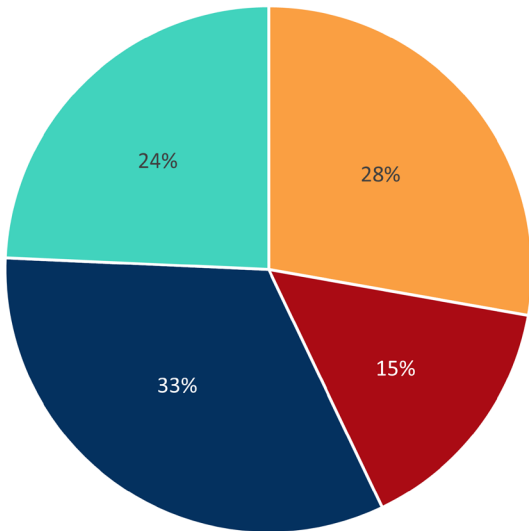
Vinton County

- Tonya Bowden
- Heidi McIntire

2021 Board Staff

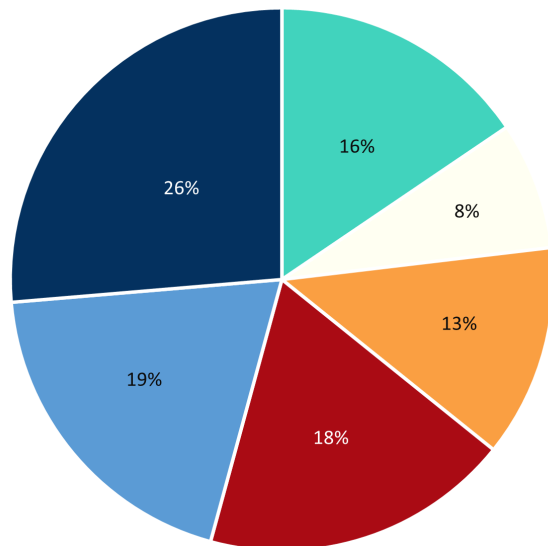
- Diane Pfaff, Executive Director
- Svea Maxwell, Deputy Director
- Amanda Conrath, Fiscal Manager
- Sherri Tyree, Community Services Manager
- Marissa McDaid, Communications and Community Engagement Specialist
- Beth Mohammed, Executive Assistant
- Kim Robinson, Administrative Assistant

FY 2021 Finances



General Fund Revenue

- Federal/OhioMHAS - \$3,854,135.88
 - State/OhioMHAS - \$2,101,185.00
 - Local (Levy/Other) - \$4,550,204.49
 - State: Psychiatric Hospital (in-kind) - \$3,369,500.00
- Total FY 2021 Revenue: \$13,875,025.37**



General Fund Expenses

- Hopewell Health Centers - \$2,360,852.06
- Health Recovery Services - \$2,485,337.18
- Other Contract Agencies (below) - \$1,986,926.70
- Other Projects (below) - \$1,619,906.66
- State - Psychiatric Hospital (in-kind) - \$3,369,500.00
- Board Operations - \$971,541.03

Total FY 2021 Expenses: \$12,791,896.49

*The difference between revenues and expenses is due to carry-over from multi-year grants, workforce disruptions due to COVID-19, and levy collections above estimates.

Other Contract Agencies

- Integrated Services for Behavioral Health
- John Clem Recovery House
- My Sister's Place
- NAMI - Athens
- Out-of-Panel Providers
- Scenic Hills Senior Center
- Southeastern Ohio Regional Jail
- TASC of Southeast Ohio
- The Athens Photographic Project
- The Gathering Place
- Vinton County Senior Citizens
- Women for Recovery (Serenity Grove)

Other Projects

- Carlson Center Withdrawal Management
- Drug Court Programs in each county
- Family and Children First Councils in each county
- Metropolitan Housing Authorities in each county
- Probate, Forensic & Conditional Release Services
- Public Awareness and Week of Appreciation
- Rural Action Programs in each county
- Sojourners Care Network
- Trauma-Informed Care trainings
- Vinton County Schools Project Boost

Some highlights from the 2021 State Fiscal Year...

Community Education and Special Events

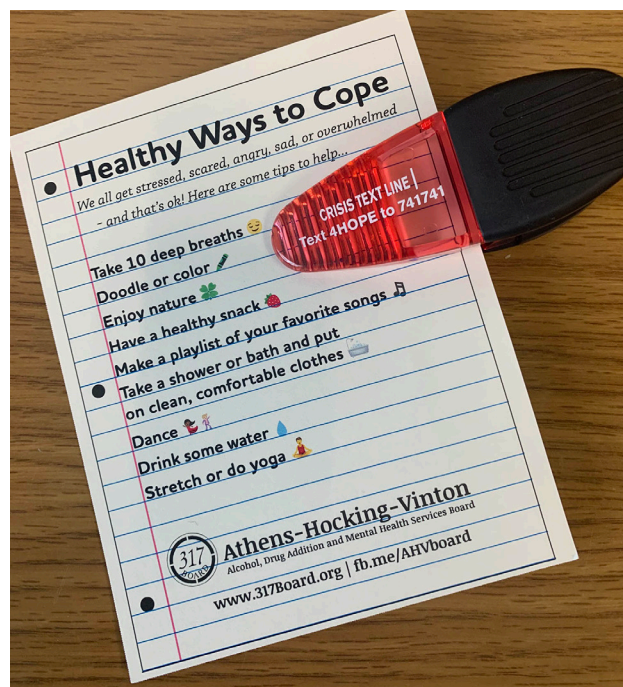
The Board observed the Ohio Association of County Behavioral Health Authorities' annual Week of Appreciation which celebrates frontline workers and first responders by distributing more than 1,000 notebooks with a thank you message to employees in the Board's network of care.

The 317 Board published a Facebook page in March 2021 as a new tool for community education.

The Athens County Suicide Prevention Coalition & NAMI Athens hosted a virtual Survivors of Suicide Loss Day Event on Saturday, November 21.

In September, the Board partnered with the Athens County Suicide Prevention coalition and the Gallia-Jackson-Meigs Board and suicide prevention coalitions to host the inaugural Southeast Ohio Suicide Prevention Conference virtually.

In October, The Board partnered with the Athens Racial Equity Coalition Health and Wellness Committee to host a community training on Minority Health Care in Appalachia.



The Board sent 400 Crisis Text Line magnet clips with a "healthy ways to cope" tip sheet to Hocking County's annual Kidpalooza event that was adapted to a drive-thru format.

New Initiatives



Our House (Hopewell Health Centers) in Logan.

The Board awarded \$100,960 in new state funding to support the costs of the Carlson Center, a new 20-bed withdrawal management program run by Outreach and Crisis Counseling Services, LLC.

The Board entered into a contract with the Ohio Bureau of Workers Compensation to offer the Substance Use Disorder and Workplace Recovery Program to employers in Athens, Hocking, and Vinton counties. The program reimburses employers for legal review of drug-free workplace policies, staff trainings related to substance use, drug testing for prospective and current employees in recovery, and more.

The Board awarded \$2,058,275 in new federal State Opiate Response funding which supported programming at seven certified behavioral health organizations and five recovery housing programs and served 1,747 people across all programs.

COVID Disruptions

During the COVID-19 pandemic, intermittent service disruptions were inevitable when staff or clients became ill or needed to quarantine. The governing board sent a letter encouraging all contract agencies to encourage staff to vaccinate against COVID-19 to minimize service disruptions and protect vulnerable populations.

High numbers of COVID cases in 2020 and early 2021 meant that several major events were postponed. For the first time since 2003, the annual Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) training was not held in-person. The 317 Board also chose to cancel the 2020 annual meeting.

Despite these difficulties, the Board's network of care showed great resiliency. Service providers pivoted to provide support for their clients in new ways – offering telehealth appointments and hosting outdoor support groups to allow for social distancing. On June 18, 2021, the risk of COVID was mitigated enough that the State of Ohio ended its emergency declaration.



The Board coordinated more than two dozen shipments and deliveries of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) and COVID tests to agencies.

Community Partnerships

The Board approved \$300,000 to match an equal amount offered by the Osteopathic Heritage Foundation of Nelsonville (OHFN) for a new partnership to focused on youth and family-serving programs. The funding was used for:

- Hopewell Health Center's trauma-informed schools initiative in nine school districts
- New vehicles for Sojourners Care Network
- Transitional housing for My Sister's Place
- Architectural plans for the Serenity Grove recovery home expansion project

The Board partnered with Hocking County to fund part of their community health assessment and participated in the Community Health Improvement planning process in each health district.

A new crisis stakeholders group was formed with Judge Jonah Saving, and Hocking Valley Hospital, law enforcement and Hopewell Health Centers to coordinate crisis care in Hocking



Serenity Grove - Women's recovery house in Athens.

Capital Investments and Infrastructure

The Board catchment area saw the opening of three projects supported with state capital grants totaling \$1,309,000

- A new location for The Hive (ISBH) in Nelsonville.
- HHC's behavioral health addition to its McArthur office
- Sojourners Youth Resiliency Center in Athens.

Board-owned properties also received improvements:

- New roof and concrete driveway at New Beginnings peer support house in McArthur.
- Foundational work to address a rain seepage issue at the John W. Clem House.



Several 317 Board staff joined Susan Beaudry of the Osteopathic Heritage Foundation of Nelsonville for a site visit and tour of Sojourners Youth Resiliency Center, The Hive, and Mary Hill Center for Youth.

Network of Care

Clinical treatment providers

- Health Recovery Services (HRS)
- Hopewell Health Centers (HHC)
- Integrated Services for Behavioral Health (ISBH)
- My Sister's Place
- TASC of Southeast Ohio

Residential programs

- Adam-Amanda Rehabilitation Program (HHC)
- Bassett House (HRS)
- Carlson Center
- Connett Road Group Home (HHC)
- My Sister's Place
- Rural Women's Recovery Program (HRS)

Recovery homes

- John W. Clem House
- Briggs House
- Groundwork Residences (ISBH)
- Mike's Bridge House
- Our House (HHC)
- Serenity Grove

Criminal justice partners

- Athens overdose outreach program
- Hocking County Project HOPE
- Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) training
- Drug court programs in Athens, Hocking, and Vinton counties
- Southeast Ohio Regional Jail
- Vinton County Sheriff's Office
Mental Health Deputy

Crisis Services

- Hopewell Health Centers Crisis Call Line and Assessment
- Hopewell Health Centers' & Athens County EMS Mobile Crisis Team
- My Sister's Place Domestic Violence Hotline

Senior programs

- Scenic Hills Senior Center
- Vinton County Senior Citizens

Peer and family support programs

- Athens Photo Project
- Home Away From Home (ISBH)
- NAMI Athens
- New Beginnings (ISBH)
- Rural Action
- The Gathering Place
- The Hive (ISBH)
- Sojourners Care Network

Community coalitions & prevention activities

- Athens County Suicide Prevention Coalition
- Athens HOPE
- Health Recovery Services Prevention Programming
- Hocking Opioid Task Force
- Hopewell Health Centers Trauma-Informed Schools and Handle With Care programs
- Tomcat Bridgebuilders
- Vinton County Prevention & Recovery Coalition
- Vinton County Schools Partnership

Collaborating partners

- Appalachian Behavioral Healthcare
- Athens County Reentry Task Force
- Athens, Hocking, and Vinton County Boards of Developmental Disabilities
- Athens, Hocking, and Vinton County Children Services
- Athens, Hocking, and Vinton County Job and Family Services
- Athens, Hocking, and Vinton County Family and Children First Councils
- Athens, Hocking, and Vinton County Health Departments
- Athens, Hocking, and Vinton County Metropolitan Housing Authorities
- Ohio Bureau of Workers Compensation
- Osteopathic Heritage Foundation of Nelsonville
- Veterans Services
- Ohio HEALing Communities Study



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